

Sewer Commission Meeting

10/11/19

Attendance:

Alexander Meisner- Commissioner

Chelsey Little- Chief Operator

Tom Walker- Commissioner

Al Stone- Resident... Sitting in on the meeting

Call to Order- Meeting called to order at 11:05 AM

Citizens Concerns- None

New Sewer Rate Proposal- Rate was finalized earlier this week with our town treasurer.

- Nearly cuts the rate significantly for single family homes
- Rate classification system for the apartments is .75 multiplied the amount of units
- Schools will be by per staff and pupil
- Method is considered rental of the sewer system "your rent is due"
- Walker thinks that the St. Thomas School should be charged more than the \$8,000 cap.
- The Kidder Funeral Home on Main St. claims to be exempt from retrieving any sewer bill.
- Any sewer renter would need to submit a legal document claiming why they are exempt from receiving a bill.
- Vacant apartments or full apartments are charged the same .75 per unit.
- If this gets passed, we will make policy adjustments as we go along.
- **MOTION** made by Meisner to accept the New EDU Classification System FY2019 Sewer Rates for the Town of Northfield. Seconded by Walker. Passes Unanimously.
- Meisner proposed a possible grant program for residents who are in financial insecurity or who have trouble afforded their sewer bill. This would be in confidentiality. (Think fuel assistance... case by case basis)

Minutes Approval- **MOTION** made by Meisner to approve the September 16th, 2019 Sewer commission minutes. Seconded by Walker, passes unanimously.

Chief Operator Report- There is a DEP update.. They are looking for our I/I schedule. Ray from Green Mountain Pipeline (for sewer line construction) will look through the report and see what the priorities are.

- Final report from the DEP inspection came in. They are looking for a written progress report on the requirements for the facility and have that turned in by December 31st.

- With Chelsey going on FMLA there is the possibility of asking for an extension on this report.
- Plant now has new touch screen monitors to ease in the operation of the plant.

Topics Nor Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair 48 hours Prior to the Meeting- None....

Future Agenda Items- Todd Little would like to come in for an interview. October 21st at 4:00 pm.

Adjourn- 12:06 PM

Alexander Meisner



Tom Walker



Dan Gray
